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July 2026 was a landmark month for the Press Information Bureau (PIB) release calendar, dominated by a single mega Union Cabinet sitting on 15 July 2026 that cleared a cluster of manufacturing and self-reliance schemes worth roughly Rs 1.9 lakh crore (Semicon 2.0 and the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme), followed by a chemical-sector push on 24 July 2026. This edition of the Ujiyari PIB Features digest distils the four most exam-relevant government initiatives of the month, each reconstructed from verified PIB and ministry data. The through-line is unmistakable: **Aatmanirbhar Bharat in strategic and input industries**, from semiconductors and mobile phones to urea and bulk chemicals.

For the UPSC aspirant, these are not just news items. They are live case studies in industrial policy design, the shift from Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) to component-deepening and design-led incentives, and Centre-State cooperative federalism in building industrial infrastructure. Read them together and a pattern emerges: the government is moving up the value chain, rewarding **domestic value addition, indigenous intellectual property and research and development** rather than mere assembly.

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- **Chapter 1 - Semicon 2.0 (India Semiconductor Mission 2.0):** The Rs 1,27,500 crore second phase of the Semicon India Programme, pivoting from fabs to equipment, materials, indigenous chip design and talent.
- **Chapter 2 - Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS):** A Rs 62,500 crore successor to the mobile PLI, with tiered incentives that reward local sourcing and Indian brands.
- **Chapter 3 - National Investment Policy for Urea 2026 (NIPU-2026):** A capacity-building policy targeting roughly 10 million tonnes of new gas-based urea output to cut import dependence.
- **Chapter 4 - BHAVYA Rasayan Chemical Parks Scheme:** A Rs 3,030 crore challenge-route scheme to build three world-scale chemical parks in partnership with States.

## KEY CONCEPTS

| CONCEPT                       | WHAT IT MEANS                                                                                     | WHERE IT APPEARS  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| ATMP / OSAT                   | Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging done by Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test units | Semicon 2.0       |
| Domestic Value Addition (DVA) | Share of a product's value created inside India rather than imported                              | MPMS, Semicon 2.0 |
| Return on Equity (RoE)        | Assured profit rate that de-risks large capital-heavy investments                                 | NIPU-2026         |
| Challenge Route               | Competitive selection where States bid to host a project against set criteria                     | BHAVYA Rasayan    |
| Plug-and-Play Infrastructure  | Ready common utilities so a unit can begin operations quickly                                     | BHAVYA Rasayan    |
| Backward Integration          | Sourcing components and sub-assemblies domestically rather than importing                         | MPMS, Semicon 2.0 |

## PRELIMS POINTERS

- **Semicon 2.0** was approved on **15 July 2026** with an outlay of **Rs 1,27,500 crore**; it is Phase 2 of the Semicon India Programme run by the **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)** under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- **MPMS** carries a budgetary outlay of **Rs 62,500 crore** for five years (**FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31**) and targets cumulative production of about **Rs 39 lakh crore** and roughly **60,000 direct jobs**.
- **NIPU-2026** was cleared by the **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** on 15 July 2026 and aims to add nearly **10 million tonnes** of annual urea capacity through **8 to 9 new gas-based plants**, with assured RoE of **12 to 16 per cent**.
- **BHAVYA Rasayan** (Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan) was approved on **24 July 2026** with a **Rs 3,030 crore** outlay to build **three chemical parks**, each on a minimum **8 sq km (about 2,000 acres)** of contiguous land.
- The 15 July 2026 Cabinet sitting cleared manufacturing schemes worth roughly **Rs 1.9 lakh crore** (Semicon 2.0 plus the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme).

## UPSC GS RELEVANCE

**GS Paper 3 (Economy, Science and Technology):** All four features map directly to the syllabus themes of industrial growth, effects of liberalisation on the economy, changes in industrial policy, indigenisation of technology, and government schemes. Semicon 2.0 is the anchor case for India's semiconductor strategy and critical-technology self-reliance; MPMS illustrates the evolution of incentive design beyond PLI; NIPU-2026 links to food security, the fertiliser subsidy burden and import dependence; BHAVYA Rasayan connects to the chemicals sector and manufacturing competitiveness.

**GS Paper 2 (Governance, Centre-State relations):** The Challenge Route in BHAVYA Rasayan and the State counterpart-funding model in NIPU-2026 and the chemical parks are strong examples of **cooperative and competitive federalism** in industrial development, useful for Mains answers on Centre-State fiscal partnerships.

## 4 Chapters in this Edition

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**Semicon 2.0: India Semiconductor Mission Enters Its Second Phase**

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**Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS): Beyond PLI**

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**BHAVYA Rasayan: Building India's Chemical Parks**



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